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In re application of

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POLISHING METHOD USING AN
ABRADING PLATE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

42. A method for polishing an object comprising:
polishing the object by an abrading surface comprising abrasive particles and a binder for
binding said abrasive particles, with supplying a first liquid not containing abrasive particles; and
further polishing the object by a second polishing surface comprising polishing cloth.

43. A method according to claim 42, wherein said first liquid comprises water or
active solution.

44. A method according to claim 42, wherein said first liquid comprises ionized water.

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